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Sir:

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Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.

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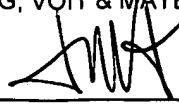
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